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HB 2260 by Representatives Cairnes, Morris, Kessler, Linville, McMorris, Doumit, Anderson, Hatfield, Poulsen, Crouse, Veloria, Benson, DeBolt, Reardon, Ericksen, Armstrong, Dunshee, Mastin and Delvin

Changing the tax treatment of grocery distribution cooperatives.

Finds that the procurement and distribution of groceries, general merchandise, products, and commodities that are necessary or useful in the retail grocery business incur different tax costs, depending upon the means chosen to procure and distribute such inventory. Independent grocery stores have organized themselves into cooperatives to gain volume-buying power that enable them to benefit from the economies of scale.

Declares an intent of the legislature to provide these grocery distribution cooperatives the same tax treatment enjoyed by vertically integrated grocery chains.

-- 2001 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

May 21 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 92; nays, 0; absent, 6.

HB 2262 by Representatives Lambert, H. Sommers, Talcott and Kessler

Changing sexual misconduct laws with regard to school employees.

Provides that a person is guilty of sexual misconduct with a minor in the first degree when the person is a school employee at least eighteen years old and has, or knowingly causes another person under the age of eighteen to have, sexual intercourse with a registered student of the school who is at least sixteen years old and not married to the employee.

Declares that for the purposes of this act, "school employee" means an employee of a common school defined in RCW 28A.150.020, or a grade kindergarten through twelve employee of a private school under chapter 28A.195 RCW, who is not enrolled as a student of the common school or private school.

Declares that a person is guilty of sexual misconduct with a minor in the second degree when the person is a school employee at least eighteen years old and has, or knowingly causes another person under the age of eighteen to have, sexual contact with a registered student of the school who is at least sixteen years old and not married to the employee.

Provides that, for the purposes of this act, "school employee" means an employee of a common school defined in RCW 28A.150.020, or a grade kindergarten through

twelve employee of a private school under chapter 28A.195 RCW, who is not enrolled as a student of the common school or private school.

-- 2001 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

May 21 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 91; nays, 0; absent, 7.

Senate Bills

SB 6187 by Senators T. Sheldon, Honeyford, Hargrove and Rasmussen

Expanding the definition of "public facilities" for purposes of the use of certain revenues in rural counties.

Declares that no tax may be collected under this act by a county more than twenty-five years after the date that a tax is first imposed under this act.

Declares that moneys collected under this act shall only be used for the purpose of private sector job creation or retention by financing the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion, or improvements and related costs of public facilities in rural counties.

Provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of this act, moneys collected under this act may not be used for financing: (1) Electrical distribution or transmission facilities on property or premises that currently take electric service from an electric utility as defined in RCW 19.29A.010;

(2) electric distribution or transmission facilities beyond the legal boundary of an undeveloped site; or

(3) electric generation facilities that provide electricity for use beyond the legal boundary of a development site.

Provides no moneys collected under this act may be provided to an electric utility as defined in RCW 19.29A.010 for the purpose of funding a public facility for electricity generation, transmission, or distribution.

-- 2001 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

May 17 First reading, referred to Economic Development & Telecommunications.

SB 6188 by Senators Prentice, Swecker, Haugen, McDonald, Gardner and Horn

Streamlining the environmental permit process for transportation projects.

Declares an intent to achieve transportation permit reform to expedite the delivery of statewide significant transportation projects through a streamlined approach to environmental permit decision making while improving environmental benefits through a watershed-based approach

to aquatic and natural resource management. In order to optimize the limited resources available for transportation system improvements and environmental protection, state regulatory and natural resource agencies, public and private sector interests, Indian tribes, and the department of transportation must work cooperatively to establish common goals, minimize project delays, develop consistency in the application of environmental standards, maximize environmental benefits through coordinated investment strategies, and eliminate duplicative processes through delegation of selected permit drafting and compliance activities between state and federal agencies.

Creates the transportation permit efficiency and accountability committee. The committee must conduct three environmental permit streamlining pilot programs.

-- 2001 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

May 21 First reading, referred to Transportation.
TRAN - Majority; do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6189 by Senator Fairley

Directing roadside removal of Scotch broom.

Provides that the first priority of any roadside maintenance or construction project on state highway property must be the removal, control, or prevention of future growth of *Cytisus scoparius*, more commonly known as Scotch broom.

-- 2001 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

May 21 First reading, referred to Transportation.

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